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Seniors and Juniors Will Debate Tariff Question in Chapel Tomorrow Night

"LIFE" WISHES TO MAKE A PUBLIC APOLOGY FOR THE UNSATISFACTORY EXECUTION OF THE ABOVE HALF-TONE. LACK OF TIME PROHIBITED RE-ENGRAVING. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, GROVES, GRISWOLD AND WHEELOCK '13, AND BRISTOL, COLE AND WALKER '14.

LIFE OFFERS SILVER LOVING CUP AS PRIZE FOR BOWLING

Cup to go to Man Bowling Highest Single Game While Second Prize Will be Awarded for Highest Average of Five Games. Contest Begins Tomorrow and Runs to Feb. 13.

In an effort to further stimulate interest in bowling among the undergraduates, **Life** offers a silver loving cup to be awarded to the man rolling the highest single game. A prize of 100 Philip Morris Cigarettes will also be awarded to the man bowling the highest average for five consecutive games.

The loving cup, the award of which will be made on February 14, is six inches in height, without the base, is of silver, and gold lined. The date of the contest and the name of the winner is to be engraved. The cup will become the absolute property of the winner.

Conditions of Contest.

The following conditions will govern the contest fo the **Life** prizes:

"The cup shall be awarded to the man having rolled the highest individual score in the interim, beginning January 8 and ending February 13. Only those shall be eligible who have rolled at least 20 games. The second prize shall be awarded to the man having the highest average for five consecutive games.

"Each competitor must be a member of the Bowling Club, the dues of which $1.00 go to the Soper fund for the maintenance of the alleys.

"A man may count any five consecutive games which he rolls, provided that he declares that he intends to roll tournament before the first game."

The alleys are to be open each week-day evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Interfraternity Bowling.

It is expected that with the beginning of the new term the College will participate in an interfraternity league, the teams of which are to be selected before Prom. Teams of four men, representing each crowd will bowl three games with another team, and the score of those games shall be their standing in ths league. Thus a long tournament will be avoided. The team scoring the most pins in the one match will be adjudged the winner.

INCREASE FOR PROFESSORS

Class of '87 Meeting With Success In Raising Funds.

While the Class of 1887 was celebrating its twenty-fifth annivesary at the Centennial Commencement last June, one of its members started a fund for the increase in salary of the Hamilton professors. As a result of his suggestion, which found immediate response in the members of his class, a fund of $605 has been raised. The Alumnus, who conceived the idea, desires that his name be with-held from publication. He has made all the collections himself and the above sum is the result of his efforts.

He asks that any other class and all classes who feel so inclined, contribute to the fund, and thus help to releive what is at present Hamilton's greatest defect.

—Prof. C. K. Chase, who for several days previous to vacation was unable to attend his classes on account of illness, has fully recovered.

—Freshmen candidates for assistant manager of football report to McNair, '15, at once.

—Porter, '13, has been appointed chairman of the Interscholastic Entertainment Committee.

BILL HORR, SYRACUSE, '08, MAY BE FOOTBALL COACH

Former All-American Tackle and Syracuse Captain Applies for Position as Local Coach.

Since the action of the Executive Council in abolishing the Alumni coaching system, Manager Regin, '14, has had a number of applications for the position. One of the applicants, whose name is being with-held by the department, is a well known football star, but it will probably be impossible for the association to come to terms with him. Another of the applicants, William Horr, Captain of the Syracuse University Team in 1908, visited the Hill last Saturday and talked over the situation with the members of the Executive Council. Nothing definite resulted from the meeting other than that Horr is a likely candidate for the position.

Bill Horr is famous as Walter Camp's selection for All-American Tackle and also as a member of the American Track Team at the Olympic games in 1908. He is well-known as the best tackle that Syracuse ever had.

Horr also has an excellent record in coaching, having turned out good teams in the University of Purdue during the past two years. He intends to study law at Syracuse next year.

SEVEN WINTER ORATIONS

After months of labor accompanied by much burning of the midnight oil, the following Seniors have produced Winter Orations: Pruyn Medal Oration, Ingersoll: Head Batchelor, Peck, Smith; Kirkland Prize Oration, Groves, Stratton, Shaul. The orations were required to be submitted by noon January 3, and the awards will be made early in the second term.

COLLEGE CATALOG TO UNDERGO CHANGES

President Stryker to Retire as Editor, To Be Succeeded by Advertising Expert Under Faculty Committee.

On the authority of persons whose veracity is not to be impeached, **Life** is in position to state that the College Catalogue, which for a number of years past has been edited by Pres. M. Woolsey Stryker, is to be placed in the hands of an advertising expert. According to **Life's** informants, the work will be supervised by a committee of five Faculty members, which is yet to be appointed.

While definite information as to the working out of the details is not to be had, it is understood that the step came as the result of action taken by the Publicity Committee and that the aculty Committee is to be appointed by Pres. Stryker.

Prof. Calvin L. Lewis, secretary of the Publicity Committee, in conversation with a **Life** reporter declined to comment upon the rumor. Official announcement of the change is expected within a short time, possibly at the next meeting of the Publicity Committee on January 15.

EXTENSIVE ALTERATIONS

During the vacation just past, two of the Fraternity houses have received improvements which have added greatly to their appearance.

The entire lower floor of Emerson Hall has been redecorated, the woodwork having been finished in mission style, while the living rooms and hall have been repapered. A new fireplace, together with numerous minor improvements, have been added.

Extensive alterations have also been made at the home of Delta Kappa Epsilon. Hard wood floors were laid, many of the rooms were repapered and painted, and the entire rear of the House, formerly comprised of three rooms, was made over to serve as a ball-room.

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EDITORIAL

Happy New Year

A trifle late perhaps, but with the best intentions, **Life** wishes its readers a Happy New Year.

1913 should be a banner year for the College. The year just past has had its successes and its disappointments. There have been possibilities, some of which have been seized with avidity, while others have been destined to pass unnoticed.

If New Year's resolutions be in order, Hamilton undergraduates are in position to map out for themselves a line of action which should bring about results far eclipsing the achievements of 1912. Now is the time to start.

Let the men of the College realize that the mid-year examinations are but three weeks away and that, whatever the popular conception of the Hamilton man may be, his first duty is to maintain a standing sufficient to keep him in college. It is more than that. It is the duty of the upperclassmen to see to it that Freshmen and others who are skating on thin ice scholastically devote the next three weeks to hard, solid "bohning." A great deal may be accomplished before January 27. Whatever credence may be placed in statements which are said to have originated with members of the Faculty that the condition of an unusually large precentage of men is precarious, the fact remains that there is always a number of men whom eleventh hour "cramming" will save and who in such event usually learn the lesson that consistent work throughout the term is much to be preferred.

According to the powers that rule in the Gym, the hope of successful athletic teams rests not upon several individual stars, but upon a large amount of almost raw material which hard work and rigorous training should develop into point winners. It should be the resolution of these men to realize that they may be Varsity material at any minute and that it behooves them to make the most of their opportunities. Long before New Years Director Chase resolved to make the most of the material placed at his diposal. It remains for undergraduates to accord him their hearty co-operation and support.

The Musical Clubs, the Charlatans, the debate teams, all demand hard, unrelenting endeavor. If such activities are to be continued, they should be carried on with the fixed intention of equaling the high record set in the past. "WORK, WORK, WORK" is the only slogan that will carry them to success.

A Happy New Year!

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When?

The Trustees on October 12 approved the following resolution:

"We urge provision for lectures on important fields of learning not directly represented in the Curriculum, but in which some knowledge is of general educational value, as in the Fine Arts, for example. Further, for musical recitals of the character already established by members of the Faculty."

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Bowling.

In another column will be found an announcement of two prizes to be awarded by **Life** for high bowling scores. **Life** is taking this step not on account of any lack of interest in the alleys heretofore, but simply for the purpose of stimulating interest in an indoor sport which should prove extremely attractive to the undergraduates.

Set 'em up in the next alley.

ATTACKS CLASSIFICATION

Chancellor Day Bitter Against Government Expert.

In a letter to the "New York World," December 29, Chancellor James R. Day, of Syracuse, makes a bitter attack upon Dr. K. C. Babcock and the Bureau of Education at Washington for its attempt to compile a classification of American colleges and universities.

Characterizing the report as "short-sighted, blundering, disastrous" and maintaining that the "man responsible for the outrage should be removed," Dr. Day says:

"It has done injury to colleges long respected in their communities, and whose graduates are all over the country, that cannot be remedied in a generation, for corrections move slowly.

"The man responsible for the outrage should be removed. The United States Bureau should be admonished by the Secretary of the Interior to keep to its constructive work and not carelessly tear down structures that have been long and laboriously building, that some faddist who signs himself a "Specialist in Higher Education" may pass as the universal standardizer. Standardizing has run wild, but the wildest specimen is by the bureau at Washington."

Dr. Babcock's classification was published in part by **Life**, October 1.

—Blood '14 and Ray '16, who left college sometime before vacation on account of blood poisoning, have returned.

PERTINENT AND IMPERTINENT

Mr. Morgan, of New York and elsewhere, has informed the public that he can't corner money. Ye Scribe has had a similar exasperating experience.

A story from Chicago says beef is soaring. Young calves are reputed to be worth from three to five thousand dollars. (News Item.)

Calves at the Winter Garden are worth, Oh! so much more than that.

Harold Cross, of Johnstown and here, has reported that he believes Prof. Ristine can bring things home to him that he never saw before.

Yea, and so can Westcott, ex-'81.

Webster True tells us he danced with Helen Taft at Christmas time, which event has prompted the following:

They danced the Bunny Hug, the Bear,
"Buxom, blithe and debonair":
They Bostoned 'round, did Taft and True,
They tripped the Turkey and Tango too.
Could we but dance in the House called White,
And dance and dance till we'd had our fill,
We'd cut every booze or other fight,
And give the Grip to Brother Bill.

Something is wrong with the above. "Meter," we say. "You ought to," says Web.

Predictions for 1913:

(Fewer things will happen this year than last, because 1913 has one less day.)

Jan. 15: Heavy snow fall.

Jan. 23: ——, '16, will break leg above Arbor.

Jan. 31: Thirteen men will flunk out.

Feb. 3-4-5: Five men will become engaged.

Mar. 2: Prex will curse "money" in Sunday sermon.

Mar. 21: Westcott, ex'81, will appear with his Williams.

Mar. 26: Some girl will fall in love with the Glee Club.

April 9: Seniors will appear in gowns.

April 26: Baseball field will be muddy.

May 3: Royce's arm will be in good condition.

May 29: K. P. will be best exhibition in years.

June 16: More will flunk out.

June 24: Blackmar will say: "Salutamus Vos."

EIGHT PEACE ORATIONS.

Holding of Local Contest Assured By New Entries.

Once more let something be said as to those Peace Orations. The major part of the College so far either knows nothing at all of such activities or is not at all interested. But just why? The winner of the Hamilton contest—and there is bound to be a spirited contest with a dozen participants—cannot take twenty-five dollars that are offered to the winner in each college, go to the College of New York City on March 14th, and win from a field of New York students is not yet determined. There are two prizes of two and one hundred dollars respectively awaiting two New York State contestants, and more than that, the winner becomes eligible for the Lake Mohonk contest on May 15th.

The Hamilton men who are planning to write at present are Myer, Batchelor, Wassung and Wheelock, '13, and Williamson, Barnes, McLean, and Jessup, '14; several others are considering the proposition. None of the above has decided definitely upon his subject, which may be upon anv phase of International Peace. The only restriction is a 1500 word limit.

It is a notable fact that of all the athletes who played stellar parts in cramming the past year full of startling achievements, three are college men, George Horine of California, Marc Wright of Dartmouth and Jim Thorpe of Carlisle. The other two, Ted Meredith of Mercersburg Academy and Howard Drew of Springfield High School will be seen in college ranks next fall. Tel Berna and John Paul Jones of Cornell and Charles Reidpath of Syracuse are other college men of whom much might be written.

One hundred men have reported to Johnny Mack for winter track work at Yale.

—P. M. Hull, '76, of Clinton spoke at the meeting of the Central New York Farmers Club in Utica, Dec. 20, on the subject of "Stimulating Interest of Young People in the Farm."

CHARLATANS HARD AT WORK ON 'THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN'

Rehearsals to be Conducted Under Direction of Profs. Shepard and Chase and Peck, '13.

And what of the Charlatans? Hist! Mahady is drilling evenings with Adeline Genée, and McGibeny is said to have discovered a new coyness that, arrayed in a wondrous Paris creation now in the making, will break full many a masculine heart at the Prom. Week performance of "The County Chairman." Kultchar, on his holiday trip to Chicago, interviewed some of the windy city's worst political ward-heelers, and can now scarcely be distinguished from the late Boss Tweed, in the role of "Jim Hackler," County Chairman.

Rehearsals began yesterday and will continue daily under the supervision of Prof. Shepard, Prof. Chase and Peck, '13. A professional coach will give the finishing touches to the production just before Prom. Week.

DEBATE TOMORROW NIGHT

Postponed Senior-Junior Contest In The Chapel

The Junior-Senior Debate, which was scheduled for Thursday, December 19th, and which was postponed on account of the inability of several judges and a large part of the student body to attend, will be held in the Chapel tomorrow night. The Junior team, composed of Bristol, Walker, and Cole will uphold the affirmative, while the Seniors, Wheelock, Groves, and Griswold, will argue for the negative. The proposition will be the same as the intercollegiate, "That a tariff for revenue only would materially decrease the present high cost of living."

—The Press Club Calendar for 1913 was put on sale December 21. Copies may be obtained still at 75 cents. There are six leaves in the calendar, 11 in. by 9 in., containing photographs of the campus, musical clubs and the football team. The cover is of limp leather, with an engraved photograph of South.

PROF. RISTINE REVIEWS LATEST ISSUE OF "LIT."

Commends Editorials But Deplores The Lack of a Serious Leading Article of Literary Merit.—

(By Prof. F. H. Ristine.)

What function has a college literary magazine is a question that probably many a thoughtful student has asked himself. No one can contend that it caters to a large circle of readers who scramble for each new number. It readers are notoriously few. There are doubtless those who would have to be convinced that any outside of the contributors themselves and a few conscientious subscribers ever give it more than a hasty glance. Certainly its monthly advent is not attended with anything like the student interest that waits on the latest issue of the "Saturday Evening Post" or a popular magazine.

Reasons for Existence.

Few would deny that all this is true of the average college literary publication, yet few of those whose opinion is worth anything would deny its right to exist as a legitimate college enterprise or the genuneness of its claim to student support. That it encourages literary endeavor on the part of the small number who are interested in writing and think it worth while to see their work in print, is evident enough. A less apparent but better reason for its existence, lies in the fact that it acts as an advertising medium of the college through the copies that go broadcast to the exchange tables of other institutions. Here it is apt to be carefully scanned by a few discerning readers whose good opinion is worth while, and who on the evidence afforded by the magazine base their estimate of the literary tone of the college represented. If by our magazine we are to be judged, the necessity of keeping its standard high becomes of the very first importance.

"Lit.'s" Apearance Good.

It is gratifying to feel that the "Hamilton Literary Magazine" need not blush when it goes abroad, at least on the score of general appearance. Its dignified cover, artistic binding, and uniformly neat make-up are well above the average; the conduct of the various departments testify to the good sense and taste of the editors; while its pages are noticeably free from "original" illustrations, campus jokes, personalities, and other presumably popular features that disfigure many so-called literary publications of our colleges.

Of the current issue, which seems to do double service as a Christmas and football number, all this may be said, although from the point of view of literary quality it is probably the least satisfactory number of the year. The chief contributions include two sketches of Yuletide scenes in New York streets by J. G. Erhardt, a Christmas allegory of similar setting by A. M. Groves, a Japanese legend, an account of the football season, supplemented by two good cuts of the Union game, a pleasing sketch of Joel Chandler Harris by J. V. A. Weaver, and a quantity of verse. Furthermore, there are three editorials, well written and timely, besides the customary local and Alumni notes. But amid all this variety, there is a noticeable lack of any real ballast. There is no leading article, no thoughtful essay such as undergraduates are capable of in their more studious moments, no contribution to show that a Hamilton student is a person of ideas or of literary interests as well as a dabbler in light fiction and sentimental verse.

No Real Expression of Opinion.

This deficiency is, of course, explainable in part by the fact that in every small college the demand for printable material of literary cast is apt to be considerably in excess of the supply, and most of the really ambitious articles obtainable are those that have done duty in meeting class room requirements. Yet, if the supply of the purely literary is limited, a man's opinions are always interesting and usually worth expressing; and there is no reason why good material for the magazine might not be had in abundance if students could be prevailed upon to eschew poetry and literary trifling, and try working into satisfactory form their ideas on vital topics of general interest. Thought is always plentiful enough in any undergraduate body; the difficulty is in getting men to take the trouble to express it.

Typographically Good.

Another stricture that might be made on the current issue is in regard to composition. It is to be regretted that the editors did not extend their proof reading, which seems to have reduced typographical errors to a minimum, to correct unhappy phrasing, weak punctuation, and other infelicities of form and style that mar the work of some of the contributors. Perhaps the article that suffers most from this common failing of student writing is that of the anonymous Spectator, a piece of work that illustrates the usual pitfalls of the writer who in the first place has not much to say, and in the second place attempts to cover up his deficiency with high-flown phrasing and involved constructions. The virtues of simplicity and directness in composition seem somehow foredoomed to neglect whenever they clash with the idea that turgid diction and a stretching after metaphor make up the essence of good writing.

The Best Written Essay.

Similarly, a little judicious juggling with the word order in two or three sentences on the first page of the "Legend of the Kamuri Falls," together with a much needed correction in the prefatory note, would have removed the blemishes from what is otherwise perhaps the best written essay in the magazine. The author, H. St. L. B., vouches for the authenticity of his story, which appears to be a modern folk tale of Japan; but as the incident described happened as late as 1872, it can hardly be properly called a legend.

Praise for Dounce, '10.

Of the contributions in verse, the position of honor in the magazine is given a Christmas poem in hymn meter, translated by J. P. D. H. from the German of Ernst Scherenberg (whoever he may be), and very carefully done. More care in execution would have improved the other translated poem of the issue, J. V. A. Weaver's rendering of one of Victor Hugo's love lyrics, which suffers from the metrical irregularity of its stanzas. "Confessio Culpae," by George Peabody, is evidently an attempt at a triolet in the manner of Austin Dobson, and just falls short of attaining that verse form by one imperfect rime. But, unquestionably, the best poem of the issue is the amusing "Ode to a Great Man." This excellent satire on the novels of Robert W. Chambers is not only metrically ingenious, but is first-rate literary criticism. It is just a bit disappointing to notice that this really good production does not proceed directly from the Hill, but is the work of an Alumnus, Harry E. Dounce, '10, and is reprinted from the "Syracuse Herald."

More Serious Contributions.

Doubtless the editors would welcome contributions of a more vital order than most of those of the present number, even at the risk of not adding greatly to popular appeal. For if a literary magazine is to deserve its name, let it be literary and let it err on the side of seriousness rather than on the side of triviality. As long as the editors of the "Hamilton Literary Magazine" bear this in mind and keep the ideals of their publication high, they may look to be repaid not in greater popularity among their subscribers, but in the consciousness of helping to maintain both at home and abroad the high cultural tone that Hamilton College has always stood for throughout the educational world.

WHEN HAMILTON MEN MAKE GOOD.

By no means all the men who enter Hamilton College are actuated by a desire to help their fellow men and to aid in the consumation of a great work. Most of us are rather more of the materialist than the idealist, but but there are now, and always have been, such men on the Hill.

Such a man was Charles Columbus Arnold.

Arnold entered Hamilton with the Class of 1885. His home was in Malone, New York, located in the heart of "Gawd's Country," and the place from whence come football captains. Arnold was older than most of his fellow-classmen, a fact which gave him the added advantage of knowing why he came to college. He came to college to get an education. He succeeded pretty well in his ambition, for when '85 received their sheepskins, Arnold was down on the batting order for the "High Honor Oration with the Valedictory."

Having graduated, he turned his face to the westward, and went to Chicago. He early passed the bar examinations in the State of Illinois, and soon became a prominent lawyer of the city. For a number of years he made his home at the Hull House, in the western metropolis. After his marriage with a woman who was interested in the work of the Hull House and who spent much of her time in its work, he continued to keep in touch with their activities.

This was in the early days of the Hull House, before the organization had secured the strong position it now holds, and it has been stated on good authority that Mr. Arnold, seeing the good the association was doing and desiring to help its cause, for a number of years did all the legal work for the Hull House absolutely free of charge.

Mr. Arnold has worked hard and well. His health is now poor and he is not able to help a great cause, as formerly. But his heart is in the work and always will be. Mr. Arnold has not amassed wealth or power in the legal profession. He has not thought of success—but he has attained a higher success than that of the materialist. He has done a great work for the cause of the unfortunate in the great western city.

Life received a letter from Miss Jane Adams the other day, and it is well worth printing. Miss Addams writes in part:

"Mr. Charles C. Arnold lived at Hull House for several years before his marriage and was much interested in the Men's Club and in their political and social undertakings. His wife was one of the workers at Hull House and naturally they have always been very much interested in our activities. He has always been very glad to take legal cases for us, and we count him as one of our best friends." . . .

Charles Columbus Arnold was a member of the Emerson Literary Society.

ALUMNI NOTES

—Wednesday's New York World published the answers sent by college presidents all over the country to the question whether or no they were in favor of amending the Panama Canal tolls act, protested by Great Britain or of submitting the question to arbitration. Dr. Stryker's answer was as follows: "The act unamended would be international bad faith and then, moreover, only perversity and cowardice of the brutum fulmen could refuse the equities of The Hague."

—Watkin, '12, Principal of the Union Springs High School, attended the Conference for New York State Principals at Syracuse, December 26, 27, 28.

—Prof. Clinton Scollard returned to Clinton for the holidays.

ONEIDA SONS TO BANQUET

Many Hamilton Men Serving On The Various Committees.

On January 28 at 7 o'clock at the Hotel Astor, New York City, will be held the Annual Dinner of the Sons of Oneida, in which a large number of Hamilton men hold membership. The committee on arrangements has planned to make the affair unusually enjoyable and has prepared a splendid program. Invitations state that it is desired to have at least one Son in attendance from every city, village and town in Oneida Co. The president of the society is Hon. William J. Gaynor of New York, and Charles R. Carruth, '82 is one of the vice-presidents. Among those on the committees which have the dinner in charge are the following Hamilton Alumni: Dinner Committee, Charles R. Carruth, '82, Hon. Alexander C. Soper, '94, Hon. Clarence L. Barber, '76, Lloyd P. Stryker, '06, Clarence U. Carruth, '89, Henry J. Hemmens, '87, Louis J. Ehret, '04, Frederick E. Kessinger, '95, Clarence R. Carruth, Jr., '07, William J. Quinn, '01. Old Home Committee, George E. Dunham, '79, Hon. Albert R. Kessinger, '88, Rev. Dr. M. Woolsey Stryker, '72, Frederick J. Sisson, '04, Charles B. Rogers, '87, Joseph Rudd, '90, Hon. Charles A. Talcott, '79, Prof. Clinton Scollard, '81.

—Charles W. Skinner, '81, of Washington, D. C., has recently been made superintendent of the Industrial School of the District of Columbia, situated on Wisconsin avenue, Washington.

PROF. MILLER AT YALE

Delivers Address on Physiography of Adirondacks.

Prof. W. J. Miller of the Geology Department, attended the 25th annual meeting of the Geological Society of America, held at Yale University on December 28th, and presented a paper on the "Early Paleozoic Physiography of the Southern Adirondacks." The gathering was a national one, about two hundred of the leading geologists from the colleges, universities and the Government Survey being present.

Prof. Miller has especially directed his attention to the geology of the Adirondacks and in his paper brought out several facts of much geological importance. The purpose of his paper was to reconstruct the physical features of the Adirondack region during the early portions of the great paleozoic era of the earth's history, some 6,000 years ago.

NEW BOOK BY SCOLLARD, '81.

Sincere praise fro mliterary critics, the country over, has followed the publication of the latest book of verse from the pen of Clinton Scollard , '81. "The Songs of a Syrian Lover," as Mr. Scollard has named his latest book, is a collection of fifty short selections of varied verse form, inspiration for which was gained by the author during his travels in the East. The volume is an excellent example of the publisher's art, coming from the press of Chiswick Press, London. Elkin Mathews, of London, was the publisher.

DROP IN BAROMETER

When Scrooie Cross gazed at the Chemical Laboratory barometer on Friday, he suggested that College Hill had moved up 500 the night before. In spite of Scrooie's idea that the Hill is a vehicle to carry him heavenward, in reality the cause of the barometer's queer actions was the weather. The barometer measured 27.8 inches—a record, according to Dr. Tibson, a Utica Meteorologist, for the past thirty years. The greatest change of the barometer from good to bad weather is only an inch, and 27.8 was an inch lowewr than the minimum. Water boiled at 96 degrees C. Dr. Saunders took down the Laboratory barometer, and looked for a break. However, neither was it cracked nor has the Hill risen a quarter mile. It simply told the truth; ths change in weather certainly came.

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INDOOR TRACK MEET AGAINST ROCHESTER

First Indoor Meet on the Hill in Many Years.—Baseball Practice Soon.—

With the passing of Prom. Week and the resuming of regular College work, will come the first call for baseball candidates for indoor work.

Coach Chase will have the men play handball at first and then will begin the pitching and batting practice in the new cage, which is here ready to be set up. In addition to this, a series of nine thirty-minute lectures has been announced, one on each of the different positions.

The coach hopes to have all the preliminary work on signals and theory finished up before outdoor practice begins. Special attention will be paid to the fielding position of each man in every play and under every circumstance. One of Mr. Chase's hobbies is backing up, and there will be no lack of coaching in this feature of the game.

Baseball Schedule.

Manager Clapp has the schedule practically completed although one or two changes may be necessary before the end of the season. The effort was made to include games with teams not heretofore played, but owing to the limited number of games allowed the effort was not successful.

Full Track Schedule.

The track schedule has not been completed as yet but Manager Bristol expects that it will be the fullest one the College has had in years. Relay races at Troy and at New York are assured, while another at Buffalo is contemplated. A dual meet with Rochester will be held in March, the first that the present undergraduates will have seen in the Soper Gymnasium. The first outdoor meet will be held with Trinity, Rochester or St. Lawrence at Clinton on May 10th. The Interscholastic Games will be held on May 17, and the Interclass Meet the same week. The N. Y. S. I. A. U. Meet will be held on May 23 or 24, instead of Decoration Day this year, either at Hamilton or in Utica.

Relay Practice Begins This Week.

Candidates for the relay team are requested to report at once, as practice begins in the Gymnasium this week. Captain Wenigmann wishes all prospective runners to come out early for the relay practice.

An urgent call is made for more men to work for the assistant manager of track. Only two men have entered the competition, and as the real work of the season is just beginning, the management promise that any man starting now will have an equal chance with the others.

—George E. Dunham, '79, of Utica, was chairman of the Welsh musical festival, the Eisteddfod, at its opening, New Year's night.

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SCHEDULE

January 7.
Alpha Delts—D. U.
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January 9.
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Sigs.—Alpha Delts.
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January 16.
Dekes—Psi U.
D. U.—E. L. S.
January 17.
Sigs.—Psi U.
Dekes—Alpha Delts.

Psi Upsilon is still in the lead in the Interfraternity Basketball League, with the Alpha Delts, Dekes and D. U.s pressing them hard for the first place. With ten games left to be played there may be material changes in the standing before the schedule is completed. The managers of the league met in Commons on Saturday and decided that it was advisable to complete the schedule before mid-year exams.

A hot game is promised tonight between the Alpha Delts and the D. U.s. The Sigs. will meet the Chi Psi. The first game will be called at 8:30.

THE SKIING CLUB.

What's the matter with skiing for a winter sport? "Them that knows" say that it is the best fun there is. Last winter seven or eight men built a jump and had considerable sport and exercise out of it.

A skiing club could easily be formed with an admission fee of a pair of skiis. The country is hilly enough to afford good slides and with a little work a long jump could be erected. All interested should see Steve Royce, who at present seems to be the principal fiend.

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Sporting Gossip

Harry Mintz '01 is back in Binghamton after a three years' stay in the west, during which time he passed a year and half on an Indian reservation. One hot summer's afternoon there strode up a tall, handsome redskin. Mintz took one look. "Redwater," he exclaimed and Redwater it was, the same Redwater in fact that had played football with the Carlisle Indians against Hamilton some ten or twelve years ago. The Indian had a distinct recollection of the game, which was played in Utica, and at once spoke of "Chub" Ward '02 who had been his opponent in the line. After all the world's a pretty small place.

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"I note," remarked the Pessimist, "that the Trophy Room in Commons as filling rapidly—filling with photographs." What the Pessimist inferred is, of course, readily apparent, but for all that there are a number of teams of the past three or four years, no pictures of which adorn the walls of Commons. Securing a photograph and having it properly hung, is not a matter of great difficulty and perhaps of little importance to the present college generation. The line of Hamilton teams, however, winners or losers, should remain unbroken.

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IF——

—there was a little more water in the reservoir.

—there was no ban on intercollegiate basket ball.

—the Gym. was not closed during the Faculty hour.

—there should be enough snow for a little real coasting.

—Dan Chase should ever find his sweater.

On the Gym Floor

—Individual handball will be played at the Gymnasium this week by Freshman teams. Jones and Waterman are the captains.

—Physical Director Daniel Chase has divided the Freshman Gym. classes into competitive groups, of eight or nine men each, the score of the winning teams counting 5, the losing teams, minus 5. This afternoon there will be a competitive drill in high jump, relay and shot put. January 10 there will be competitive apparatus work.

—Through an error in compiling figures Holt was accredited with the greatest chest expansion in the Freshman statistics published in the last edition of **Life**. Insley holds the record with an expansion of 4.5 in, Swan being second with 4.1. Insley also has the greatest leg strength, 280. In the pull-ups, Callahan, Fulton, Elliot and Miller are tied with 10 each. Bacon, Nichols, and Callahan each made 30 push-ups.

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COLLEGE SPORTS HAVE SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Harvard, Pennsylvania, Williams, Columbia and Cornell Champions In the Five Major Sports.

The intercollegiate athletic year of 1912 was remarkable in many ways. It not only was marked by many notable performances, but resulted in a fair distribution of honors in the four major sports —football, baseball, track athletics and rowing. Harvard was supreme in football, Williams in baseball, Pennsylvania in track athletics, and Cornell in rowing.

It is not an easy matter to decide which college deserves the greatest portion of the year's athletic honors, but the following table shows at a glance the institutions which won so-called championships in fourteen sports:

Football	Harvard
Baseball	Williams
Track athletics	Pennsylvania
Rowing	Cornell
Cross country	Harvard
Soccer football	Yale
Cricket	Pennsylvania
Golf	Yale
Lawn tennis	Princeton
Wrestling	Cornell
Hockey	Princeton
Fencing	West Point
Gymnastics	Yale
Basketball	Columbia

Some critics credited Princeton with the baseball title, and Wesleyan deserved, perhaps, quite as high a place as Columbia in basketball.

Football.

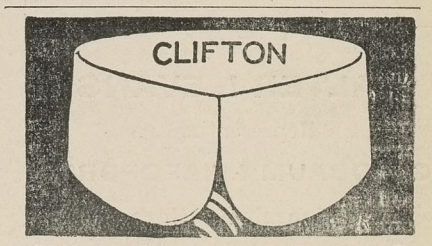
Of all the championships that in football is the most desired and gives most distinction to the college winning it. There is no such thing as an intercollegiate football association, to conduct a series of games for the gridiron championship, but this year Harvard showed superiority to all other Eastern teams, and deserved the title without a quibble. The Crimson did not lose a game, defeating Princeton, Yale, and Dartmouth among others.

Baseball

Williams, Princeton, Brown, and Yale was the conceded ranking for the so-called baseball championship when the season closed last June, and for the reason that Williams beat Princeton, and Princeton beat Brown, while Yale suffered defeat at the hands of all the three, losing one game to Williams, two to Brown, and two out of three to Princeton.

Track and Field.

The annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America left no doubt as to the track and field championship. The University of Pennsylvania won with a score of 28 points, Cornell being second with 17½ points. Pennsylvania this year had the best all-around team in the country, although Cornell might have made a better showing if not obliged to take such long chances in placing the men in the distance races.



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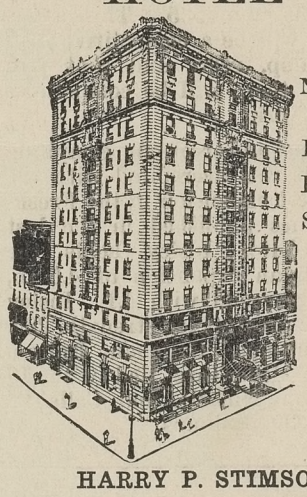

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1901 FOOTBALL STAR REVIEWS PAST YEAR

Says Team Cannot Play Football Unless It Has "Spirit" Instilled By the Undergraduates... ..

URGES IMMEDIATE ACTION.

Recommends That Hamilton Alumnus Be Retained to Coach Football Squad, If Possible.

Editor Hamilton Life:

I have read, with great interest, the editorial comment and news items in **Life** and in the latest issue of Lit., with reference to the football situation, and to the coming season in baseball and track, and I make bold contribute to the discussion certain to observations of my own, the genera substance of which I have had in mind to express for some time.

I have regretted that I was unable to accept the invitation that was conveyed to me to attend the Union football dinner, when Thompson, '06, and Drummond, '12, spoke. From the account of their remarks, I have concluded that my presence wasn't needed, for they performed a necessary service in most excellent fashion. Some of the things I have to say, I realize are a little late, inasmuch as they refer with particular emphasis to the football activities of the college; and the football season of 1912 is to a very large extent dead and buried. So many lessons are to be learned from it, however, and so interwoven with the other athletic activities of the college are the conditions in the football department, that I feel justified in making such an extensive reference to our recent football history, and using this as a basis for the suggestions that are particularly applicable to the preparations which I hope the college is now making for an unusually vigorous track and baseball season.

Prospects Rumored Poor

I am informed that our prospects in both of these departments for the coming season are poor, and that the only thing that will save us is hard work that is to be begun at once. There seems to have been mapped out a scheme for indoor work in both departments that will work well, and the college is to be congratulated that it has a man of Director Chase's enthusiasm in charge of the business for this winter and spring.

A Great Sermon

Thompson and Drummond at this Union football dinner, stated the whole case well, although they were talking football only, and from all accounts an impression was made upon the members of the football team by what was said on that occasion, and I hope that the members of the team were not the only undergraduates who had those sharp words sink into their souls. I hope that those speeches cut the whole undergraduate body to the quick; and I commend to every fellow in college, the pasting up in his oom of the page of that issue of **Life** which contains them. What Thompson said at that dinner was a great sermon, of the sort that ought to be preached more to college men nowadays.

Information of all these things drifted out from the college during the fall to all the younger Alumni who keep in touch with college affairs. We were all shamed by the knowledge that during the fall, a team composed of the most promising material that has appeared upon the hill in recent years, was "lying down," and that many of its members were openly and flagrantly breaking training; and that beyond all of this, the college body was tolerating, and apparently, in certain ways encouraging, the whole shameful business.

A General Level

Explain and criticize as you will, the college must realize there is no escape from the conclusion that the present state of our affairs is due to a condition in the college itself that is but a level higher than which the football or other activities of the college cannot and will not rise.

It is important for the college to bear in mind during the present agitation for a reorganization of our football affairs and a general shake-up in our athletic activities, that the undergraduates themselves, cannot slip away from a certain large responsibility in the premises; and the editorial in your issue of November 26th, together with the article reciting the resolutions proposed to be adopted, and subseqquently circulated upon a petition for signatures, and the editorial in the December Lit., indicate a disposition to throw the responsibility upon others than the college body, and to criticize them alone, to the exclusion of the undergraduates.

The Alumni System

It is unfair to criticise "the Alumni system" as such. The term itself is entirely inaccurate, for we have never had a simon pure Alumni system, as a moment's thought will enable us all to remember. Individual coaches who have acted as coaches, may deserve criticism and censure, but an "Alumni system," which has never existed, should not be blamed, with the implication that the Alumni are somehow the only ones who are responsible for the falling down of our football teams during the last few years.

It is perfectly true that our qualified Alumni are so busy earning a living from the time they are graduated, that they cannot be depended upon to get back for definite or extended periods during the football season, and this has been recognized from the beginning of the agitation for a pure Alumni system. It was realized so well at the very beginning by those who understood the situation, that no serious hope was ever indulged that we could have at Hamilton a real Alumni system.

The fact that during the past three seasons the coaching has been done by former Hamilton football players, is due to the circumstance, as I understand, that after the expiration of Coach Pryor's contract in 1909, the undergraduate management neglected to re-engage him.

It developed that someone, without authority, had inserted a news item in some paper which had been reprinted in a New York daily that came to Pryor's attention while he was waiting for some communication from our football authorities, to the effect that an Alumni system of coaching was going to be established at Hamilton, and that Pryor, accepted this as authoritative.

The System's Start

It was necessary to do something at once, and two graduates of 1906, who happened to be in Clinton, found it incumbent upon them to do what could be done. They learned that Bill Moore was going to be able to devote some time to coaching. Moore was finally engaged at a moderate salary to act as coach during the coming fall. Upon his insistence and because of the circumstances, a strong effort was made to induce a number of the Alumni football team men to come back and give Moore assistance during the fall. This several of us did.

At the last moment it was found that Moore could not act in similar capacity for the next season, and this disarrangement of the plan, so late, again left it necessary to engage somebody on short notice to handle the coaching for the ensuing season. By common consent, Sidle, '11, was pressed to take this job, and he finally consented to do it.

The Past Season

The reasons which led to the reengagement of Sidle to coach the team during the season just passed, are familiar to the present undergraduates. It happened that fewer of the available Alumni were able to assist in this season of 1912. At the beginning of the season, however, the Alumni were sufficiently represented and a conference of all the available men had been had, and an admirable system of play, including both offense and defense, had been worked out. The general line of coaching had been mapped out, and this was gone over very thoroughly with Coach Sidle, Professor Chase, and the members of the team.

Never before had we had such a lot of promising men, most of them experienced, and never did a season open up in better shape. None of the old handicaps, weak spots in the line or the back field, so distressful in well-remembered seasons of the past, existed; and it was felt that the team, schooled and looked after by a member of the Faculty, needed nothing more than it had.

Nothing But Disaster

Then something happened, and matters seemed to have gone from bad to worse, until the last week of the season, when two graduate football players got on the job, bolstered up the offense, created a real defense along the lines planned, administered a course of sprouts in the matter of football fundamentals, and, after a few days of hard work, culminating in that rousing football dinner, put the team into creditable shape, so that its playing in the Union game was conceded to be all that could have been desired, under the circumstances, and worthy of the best Hamilton traditions.

In short, the team was composed in the main of excellent football players; the style of offense and defense was shown to be all right; the execution in that Union game could not be criticized, and it was demonstrated that all that had been lacking by the team was giving heed to the instruction that had been received in such abundance, and the acquiring of that conscientious and fighting desire for honorable victory, which is involved in that term we have used so often, and which has been laughed at so much; namely, "spirit." It all comes back to the old proposition that unless the team has this "spirit" it cannot play football or anything else; and the team won't have this "spirit" unless the college has it. If the college has this "spirit," of the right sort and in the proper measure, the college can fill the team with it.

Next Season

In planning for the coming track and baseball and for the season of 1913 in football, as I take it for granted everybody is now doing—for we haven't yet become mollycoddles and resigned to the abandonment of football—let us bear this in mind first: in these days when the sense of duty and of obligation and of responsibility has become impaired, and in some respects decadent, and all communities and all fields of activity are suffering from this impairment, let not the college body of Hamilton, with its history and traditions of self-denial and sacrifice, and of duty recognized and well done, suffer itself weakly and unresistingly to be drawn under with the groups and communities that are going down, but let it highly resolved to cling fast to those old ideals of duty and responsibility that have distinguished the college in the past, and which account for the greatness of its distinguished sons.

A Hamilton Coach

I note in these articles to which I have referred, evidences of a disposition to select for a football coach a graduate of some other college. This may be all right **provided you can get the right man.** Everything depends upon this. The style of playing which our football experts have formulated, adapting as it does, the play of our best teams of the past to the conditions and requirements of the new game, cannot be improved upon, in my judgment, by anything that is brought from other colleges. In many ways I think that one of our own graduates, if he possesses the requisite amount of tact and can acquire the proper respect from and control over the team and squad, is to be preferred to any other. The trouble is that most of our men are of moderate means and have to work for a living, and cannot afford to devote the time to coaching, even if they are well paid for a few months work during the football season. I advise, however, that an effort be made to procure a Hamilton man to do the coaching.

Blame Won't Shift

I realize that much of the foregoing matter has to do with the football situation directly, but I have written it and discussed the football coaching particularly, for the reason that I desire to aid in getting the discussion of all of these matters now before the college back into the right track. Nothing will be gained by an endeavor on the part of the college to shift all the blame onto somebody else. That sort of thing won't go in college, or in business, or in anything at all. It is the college itself which must really do the whole work. Coaching from Alumni or outsiders, encouragement on the Hill or from a distance, extended by alumni or others, are all good in their way, but what do they amount to, if the men who are in college who have to play the games and participate in the events, are not up to snuff, and haven't the spirit or the stomach to go in and do their duty?

With an awakened college opinion, and real support given to Director Chase, and real work on the part of the men who are fit for duty, we ought to have an athletic season this spring that will be a hummer, and our next football season ought to be of such a kind that it will make us forget the season of 1912. And one of the very best things that the men who were on that football team of 1912 can do, is to get busy in track and baseball, and thereby redeem themselves as they began to do in the Union game.

But the college cannot even help in accomplishing this by going to Utica and putting it up to somebody else.

Richard C. S. Drummond, '01

TWO NEW TUTTI-FRUTTIS FOR THE MUSICAL CLUBS

Decker, '16, to Star in Imitations of Harry Lauder, While McGibeny Will Present New Rag Selections.

W. T. Purdy, '06, is now writing a tutti frutti, which will be used this season by the Glee Club, together with one composed by Peck, '13, in collaboration with G. R. Montgomery. One of these tutti fruttis will displace the tattered 1910, "Campus Medley," to the relief of the long-suffering audiences.

Decker, '16, who can speak the Scotch language in such fashion that not even the bald-heads down in front can understand it (putting one over an Harry Lauder, who can be understood in the third row on clear nights) will star in imitations of the bonny Scot.

Jessup, '14, and Weaver, '14, have a hair-raising act to rag music that is said to have jammed houses from coast to coast.

McGibeny, '14, is coining new rags by the ream and the quartette is beginning to harmonize in spots. Altogether, as "Aby" Wassung, '13, is still on the job "consenting" to bring the clubs to this city and that, the outlook for 1913 is bright and cheery.

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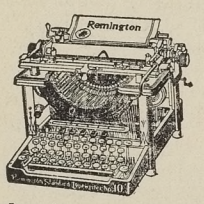

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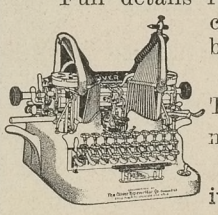

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There have been other girl heroins, but none has ever reached quite so deeply and permanently into the hearts of her public as Mrs. Wiggin's whimsical little maid of the old Pine Tree State.

Miss Taliaferro is still surrounded by the original cast, including Archie Boyd, Sam Coit, Hayward Ginn, Viola Fortescue, Ada Deaves, Clara Mersereau, Nennelle Foster and others.

Seldom does the announcement of the coming of a new play to the City of Utica strike the keen note of advance interst which has been produced by the news that they are to have "The Light," a play by the Marquis of Queensbury, for three nights and two matinees at the Majestic, beginning Thursday, January 9. The matinees will be given on Friday and Saturday. "The Light" being the work of a peer of England, whose father had an intimate personal acquaintance with the late King Edward VII when the latter was Prince of Wales, and being written among certain episodes that happened among what was popularly known at that time as the "Prince's Set," there is good reason to presume that it makes some interesting social revelations.

The following well-known players have been engaged for the principal roles: Miss Irma La Pierre, Miss Alice May, Miss Alice Weeks, Miss Marquerite Randolph, Miss Jennie Dickerson, Miss Rosamond Carpentier, Alexander F. Frank, Wilfred Forster, Frank Sargeant, Percy D. Standing, Roland Ruston, Guy Cunningham and Harry West.

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Alumni Feast and Make Merry at Holiday Dinners

Banquets of Hamilton Alumni and dinners at which a number of Hamilton men took prominent parts were numerous during the past holiday season and will be followed by others in the near future. On December 23, at New York, Dr. Stryker addressed the 107th annual dinner of the New England Society at the Waldorf. On December 27, the annual gathering of the Central New York Alumni was held at Syracuse. Four days later an informal dinner of Hamilton men was held at Binghamton to plan a banquet of the Binghamton Alumni which will be held January 24th. The New York City Alumni will hold their annual dinner at the Hotel Savoy in New York next Friday evening.

Seated between J. Pierpont Morgan and Rowland Davis, retiring president of the society, Dr. Stryker was the guest of the New England Society at its 107th annual festival, held at the Hotel Astor, New York City, December 23.

Dr. Stryker was the first of a toast-list of three speakers, being assigned the annual toast, "Forefather's Day." He said in part:

"If we are the moral, lineal heirs of those great Puritans, and if we are the justified participants in their estate before the great Surrogate of Time, then we are to imitate their fidelities in a like allegiance to the great God they trusted. Our words are all flabby and turgid, and our estate is parlous everywhere if naming the names of the deathless dead—the Warrens, the Hales, the Winthrops, the Shaws—we cringe before the probations of our time and incapacitate ourselves to receive or to transmit their ultimate courage.

No More "Yankee Boodle."

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"And," he continued, referring to the matter of the Panama Canal tolls, "go with me or turn your backs, I dare say here that in this very day, we, children of the Puritans, are tempted of the devil to break our treatied pledge as so to stand for National trickery and falsehood. If there is anything Puritan left in us, now is the time to denounce, to say that we will not be branded as degenerates and made an international by-word and hissing. And may the great Chief Justice of all time enjoin and restrain us. While European diplomacies are cowering between bankruptcy and war, while they watch hungrily the Balkans, or ring round Turkey like ghouls glowering over the dead, it is time, I say, for a little Plymouth Rock to stubborn our ethics. Sons of great sires, beneficiaries of the brave, kinsmen of freedom, up to the battlements of duty to renew those immortal yesterdays!"

Central New York Alumni.

Thirty-four members of the Central New York Association of Hamilton Alumni gathered in the Vanderbilt Hotel, Syracuse, on Friday evening, December 27th, for the association's annual dinner. This event always comes during holiday wweek, to accommodate Alumni who are then in Syracuse for the teachers' convention.

Dr. (he soon will be) Clements W. Blodgett, '09, secretary of the association for 1912, had the arrangements in charge. At the 1911 dinner a few more than forty Alumni were present. Figuring on that basis, the Doctor guaranteed the hotel thirty-five guests. But Alumni trickled in slowly, reluctantly as it seemed, and when he saw that the final nose count would not exceed thirty-five and might not reach that figure, lines of care began to inscribe themselves upon the Doctor's brow. He stood near the street door, seized each arrival near the lower articulation of the humerus, and propelled him in a death grip upstairs to the coat room. Then he locked him in a parlor and came back for another.

Only one pedagogue escaped, and this was a Syracusan and a wily bird withal. He came, looked around, asked the price per plate, murmured something to the clerk about his wife expecting him home, and is believed to have left through a rear window. Certainly the Doctor saw him no more.

One on the Doctor.

At last the association sat down to its oysters. The Doctor looked a happy man. He counted over twice, to be sure he wasn't reckoning "Occie" Kuolt as two, and it came out 35 every time. But five minutes later, one diner rose, stared around him wildly, and did a Brody through the dining-hall door. The Doctor was enjoying Shrimp Wiggle at that moment and he bit his knife in two. It appeared that the Colgate schoolmasters were also dining in the Vanderbuilt somewhere, and that the Doctor had collared one of these through criminal carelessness. His opinion of Colgate was not elevated by the incident.

President Stryker had been hoped for, but elected to attend the New York Alumni Banquet, which conflicted. He probably got better oysters. Still, it seems hardly worth the longer trip, and the Syracuse gathering missed him, Dr. Blodgett especially. He would have made thirty-fie. The Central New York Association will try to have its banquet next winter on a night when Dr. Stryker can come.

Tisdale Elected President.

Superintendent of Schools, F. S. Tisdale, of Watertown, was made president for 1913, to succeed Superintendent F. E. Smith, of Watertown. The secretaryship and the work which goes with it, were treacherously wished by Dr. Blodgett on a former friend of his, H. E. Dounce, '10, in the teeth of the association.

Remarks were made by Judge A. J. Northrup and the Rev. Dr. W. W. Dawley, of Syracuse, and others. Your correspondent is sorry he has no list of those who were present. Among the younger men were, A. M. Drummond, '06, Oscar William Kuolt of Schenectady, '07, Ralph Swetman, '07, Mangus, '09, Blodgett, '09, and Watkin and "Ted" Adams, '12, the last named with a moustache which grieved your correspondent worse than any he has seen since Benn Barber's.

The next dinner will be held next holiday week.

New York Dinner Friday.

The Hamilton College Alumni Association of the City of New York will hold its 25th annual dinner at the Hotel Savoy on Friday, January 10. President Stryker and Dr. Brandt will represent the College, and it is expected that Elihu Root, '64, will attend. There will be no formal addresses. The committee on arrangement is: Edward E. Stowell, '01, Samuel F. Engs, '83, Warren I. Lee, '99. James S. Groves, '61, is President of the Association.

In Binghamton.

At an informal luncheon in Binghamton on December 31, a number of Hamilton Alumni of that city met to make plans for the banquet of the Hamilton Alumni of that City, and to take action regarding the annual Interscholastic Speaking Contest, which will be held at the College in May. Those present were: Prof. Lewis, Smith, '84, Cooper and Yeomans, '92, Sessions, '99,, Mintz, '01, Croft, '03, McLean, '08, Greengard, '08, and McLean, '09. Greengard was appointed chairman of a committee for an interscholastic competition for a representative to Hamilton and Smith was made chairman of the committee to arrange the banquet which will be held on January 24.

COMING JUNIOR WEEK TO BE THE BEST EVER

Running Track in Gymnasium Facilitates Construction of Uniform Booths.—Press Bureau To Be Established.—

Plans for the Junior Prom., which of course is to be "the best ever," are now progressing steadily. Many innovations are to be introduced this year. The remodeling of the Gymnasium will be an important factor in making the building more comfortable and easier to decorate. The booths for the various crowds are to have the running track as a roof, and it is intended to make all the booths somewhat alike, adding much to the appearance of the Gymnasium. Eight dollars is to be levied from each crowd to cover the cost of having these booths constructed, and the Prom. Committee is resolved to spare no expense.

Press Agent To Be Selected.

Among the new activities introduced this year in preparation for the Prom., is to be a publicity bureau. The press agent of the Prom. Committee will be selected this week.

There will be a matinee at the Majestic the day before the Charlatans performance. The third afternoon will be filled by the annual Prom. concert.

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

All Entries Must Be Posted Before Tomorrow Night.

The success of last year's Bridge Tournament has prompted the revival of a similar contest. The rules and regulations regarding signals, opponents, etc., will be posted as soon as all entrants' names have been compiled.

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Thomas R. Proctor, of Utica, is the donor of a general fund of $2,500.

Prof. Ibbotson Busy.

While the College awaits developments in the work on the new Library which has been practically halted by cold weather, library work of a different kind is being done by Prof. Ibbotson and his assistants, in preparation for the coming change. For the past three months the work of recataloging the Library has been progressing steadily. This work is a laborious one and must be done with great care, but will in all probability be completed before the new Library is ready for occupancy. Its value to the College can hardly be underestimated.

Sets Being Completed.

Besides the cataloging, attention is being directed toward completing sets of books in the various departments. While the Libraryhas a number of complete sets of volumes, there are many departments and many periodical sets which must be filled. The Departments of Science, Philosophy, Art, and Modern Languages will receive the most attention. The cost of securing the volumes lacking in sets, or of sets which the Library should have, is ordinarily great, because of their rarity.

The Library appropriation for this year amounts to three thousand, six hundred dollars, of which one thousand, five hundred is income from endowments or special gifts, and the balance from the College appropriations. A special appropriation was made by the Trustees to fill out sets of periodicals. All of this amount will be expended before June.

THE FACULTY'S VACATION

A large number of the Faculty spent Christmas vacation off the Hill. As usual, New York City proved the chief attraction; Dr. Stryker, Prof. Wood, Prof. Ristine, Prof. A. P. Saunders and Prof. Davenport spent part of their vacations in or near the big city. During his stay Dr. Stryker spoke at the dinner of the New England Society. Prof. Wood left New York after a few days and went on to Boston to attend the meetings of the American Historical Association. Prof. Miller read a paper before a Geological Society which met at New Haven. Dr. Hastings spent most of his vacation at Princeton.

The other thrae who left the Hill, spent Christmas at their former home; Prof. MacHarg at Rome, Dr. S. J. Saunders at Buffalo and Toronto, and Prof. Carruth at Cleveland, Ohio.

—A poem by Clinton Scollard appears in the January issue of "Ainslee's."